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Four City of Falls Church Council Members Take Oath of Office; Mayor and Vice Mayor Elected



FALLS CHURCH, VA. – On Saturday, July 1, 2006, the Falls Church City Council inaugurated David F. Snyder to his fourth term and three members to their first term: Harold Lippman, Daniel K. Maller, and Daniel X. Sze. They were elected by Falls Church City voters on May 2, 2006 for terms that run July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010. Also July 1, the Council elected existing members Robin S. Gardner as Mayor and M.R. Lindy Hockenberry as Vice Mayor.

The inauguration of the three new members marks the departure of Mayor Daniel E. Gardner (first term began July 1, 1998—his service as Mayor began in 2000), Vice Mayor Martha R. Meserve (first term began July 1, 2001 in special election—her service as Vice Mayor began in 2002), and Council Member Samuel A. Mabry (first of two non-consecutive terms began July 1, 1996). Their terms expired on June 30, 2006 after deciding not to run for re-election in May.

Mr. Snyder has served on the City Council since July 1, 1994, serving one term as Mayor from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000. He is Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for the American Insurance Association. He is Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and represents the City on numerous other transportation groups. Mr. Snyder chairs the working group on Emergency Transportation, Evacuation, and Sheltering-In-Place under the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council. He lives in the City with his wife and has two children.

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Each of the three new Council Members also has a history of serving as active members of the Falls Church City community.

Mr. Lippman presently works as an independent consultant evaluating U.S. government international development assistance programs. In the early 1990s, he played a leading role in the establishment of an inclusive education program in the City of Falls Church Public Schools for students with mental retardation. Subsequently, he was among the first group of candidates elected to the City's School Board, serving from 1994 to 1998. He and his wife, Sue, have lived in the City for more than 25 years. They have three children.

Mr. Maller is Executive Vice President/CFO of Williams Bridge Company and General Counsel of its corporate parent Williams Industries, Inc. He has played an important role in building the region's transportation infrastructure, serving as Project Manager for his company's involvement in the creation of the steel superstructure for the last two phases of the Springfield Interchange and for the Virginia approaches to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. He and his wife Kim moved to the City in 1996. With three young children, he has a keen interest in City schools and has been a frequent volunteer in PTA and school activities.

Mr. Sze works as Team Leader for Corporate Business Management Systems in the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. He previously worked for Rebuild America, whose EnergySmart Schools program influenced the design of the City's Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, creating energy savings for the school that can be put to educational uses. Before his inauguration to Council, Mr. Sze was Vice Chair of the City's Economic Development Authority and maintains an interest in policies managing local development and growth. He and his wife Elisabeth have lived in the City since 1988.

Currently in her second term, Ms. Robin S. Gardner will serve as the City's Mayor July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. Ms. Gardner was first elected to the City Council in May 2000. Her current term ends on June 30, 2008. She is Vice President of Business Development with Apogen Technologies and serves on numerous committees and organizations related to information technology. She lives in the City with her husband and her twin children.

Ms. M.R. Lindy Hockenberry will serve as the City's Vice Mayor July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. Ms. Hockenberry was first elected to the City Council in May 2000. Her current term ends on June 30, 2008. She worked as a teacher for the City's George Mason Middle School for 31 years, and received the Washington Post's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award and the American Association of University Women Teacher of the Year Award. She lives in the City and has two children.

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The seven Council Members are elected at-large for four-year terms, with alternating elections in May of even-numbered years for three or four members. The Council members elect the Mayor and Vice Mayor for two-year terms. City of Falls Church Council Members include Mayor Robin Gardner (first term began July 1, 2000), Vice Mayor M.R. Lindy Hockenberry (first term began July 1, 2000), Mr. David Chavern (first term began July 1, 2004), Mr. Harold Lippman (first term began July 1, 2006), Mr. Daniel Maller (first term began July 1, 2006), Mr. David Snyder (first term began July 1, 1994), and Mr. Daniel Sze (first term began July 1, 2006).

For more information about the City Council, please visit
www.fallschurchva.gov/government/cityCouncil/citycouncil.html.

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Note: Photo attached of Falls Church City Council. Photo Credit: City of Falls Church.

Back Row, Left to Right: Council Member David Chavern, Vice Mayor Lindy Hockenberry, Mayor Robin Gardner, Council Member David Snyder.

Front Row, Left to Right: Council Member Daniel Sze, Council Member Daniel Maller, and Council Member Harold Lippman.